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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/576,386
Filing Date	May 22, 2000
Examiner Name	Nathan HILLERY
First Named Inventor	William T. CARDEN, Jr.
Group Art Unit	2176
Attorney Docket Number	35672-163980

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 22-0261
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) – THIRD MONTH MINUS SECOND MONTH PAID MARCH 1, 2005
- iii. ☒ Other Copy of Petition/Request for Extension of Time paid on March 1, 2005
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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In re patent application of:
William T. Carden, Jr.

Appl. No. 09/576,386

Confirmation No. 1657

Filed: May 22, 2000

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
PUBLISHING MANUSCRIPTS

Art Unit: 2176

Examiner: Nathan Hillery

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AMENDMENT & REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of October 1, 2004, with the entry of the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

- **Request for Extension of Time and/or Charge of Fees** begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND/OR CHARGE OF FEES

It is not believed that extensions of time or additional fees are required beyond those which are provided in this filing: Concurrently with this filing the third (3) month fee for a small entity has been paid minus the difference of the second (2) month fee which was paid on March 1, 2005. However, should no check be attached or should additional extensions of time or fees be necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fees required are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261. In the event of such charges, please advise us accordingly.